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hyperbolic region.

5. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to [any one of the preceding claims wherein] claim 1 further comprising a concave parabolic skirt region (114) that depends from the

6. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to [any one of the preceding claims wherein] claim 5 further comprising a convex parabolic skirt region (115) that depends from the elliptic region.

7. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to claim[s 5 and] 6 wherein the concave and convex skirt regions are concentric.

8. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to any one of claim[s] 5 [to 7] wherein [the or] each skirt region is perforate.

9. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to claim 8 wherein the [or] at least one skirt region is provided with elongate hair-capture slots.

10. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to [any one of the preceding claims]

claim 1 further comprising a pair of convex elliptic end cheeks (112, 113) each merging smoothly with the elliptic and hyperbolic regions.

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(Once Amended) A shaving cutter comprising a skin-engaging surface having a convex first region [which is], said convex first region having a shape that is selected from the group consisting of parabolic [or] and elliptic, a second region [which is] having a shape that is selected from the group consisting of parabolic or hyperbolic, and first and second convex elliptic end zones merging smoothly with the first and second regions.

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- 12. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to claim 11 [or 12 wherein] further comprising a skirt region that depends from at least one of the first and second regions.
- 14. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to claim [13] 12 wherein the [or] at least one skirt region is perforate.
- 15. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter according to claim 14 wherein the [or each] perforate skirt region has elongate hair-capture slots.
 - 16. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter comprising:
 - a first curved skin-engaging surface region;
 - a second curved skin-engaging surface region; and

the second surface region merging seamlessly with the first surface region[;], wherein [there existing] the first and second surface regions are shaped such that there exists a crosssectional plane [intersecting] which intersects the first surface region along a first curved line on which the first surface region is concave with a first radius of curvature and [intersecting] which

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also intersects the second surface region along a second curved line on which the second surface region is convex with a second radius of curvature larger than the first radius of curvature.

17. (Once Amended) A shaving cutter comprising:

a first surface region having two orthogonal planes of curvature, and being concave in one plane; and

a second surface region having two orthogonal planes of curvature, and being convex in both planes[; and], wherein the first surface region [merging] merges seamlessly with the second surface region.

18. (Once Amended) A shaving system comprising:

[an outer] the shaving cutter according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, wherein the shaving cutter functions as an outer cutter;

an undercutter conforming with the outer cutter and mounted for oscillatory movement beneath the outer cutter; and

<u>a</u> drive <u>element</u> [means] for imparting said oscillatory movement to the undercutter.

20. (Once Amended) A shaving system according to claim 18 [or 19] comprising:

[at least] first and second shaving units, at least one of which includes an outer cutter according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 17] and a corresponding undercutter; and

a drive element for imparting oscillatory movement to the undercutter.

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21. (Once Amended) A shaving system according to claim 20 wherein the first and second shaving units each includes an outer cutter according to claim 1 and [wherein at least two of the shaving units include an outer cutter according to any one of claims 1 to 17 and] a corresponding undercutter.

Please cancel claims 22-37, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 38-53:

--38. A shaving system comprising:

the shaving cutter according to claim 11, wherein the shaving cutter functions as an outer cutter;

an undercutter conforming with the outer cutter and mounted for oscillatory movement beneath the outer cutter; and

<u>a</u> drive element for imparting said oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

- --39. A shaving system according to claim 38 wherein the outer cutter has an arcuate longitudinal centre line and the undercutter is correspondingly arcuate.--
 - --40. A shaving system according to claim 38 comprising:

first and second shaving units, at least one of which includes an outer cutter according to claim 11 and a corresponding undercutter; and

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a drive element for imparting oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

--41. A shaving system according to claim 40 wherein the first and second shaving units each includes an outer cutter according to claim 11 and a corresponding undercutter.--

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--42. A shaving system comprising:

the shaving cutter according to claim 16, wherein the shaving cutter functions as an outer cutter;

an undercutter conforming with the outer cutter and mounted for oscillatory movement beneath the outer cutter; and

a drive element for imparting said oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

- --43. A shaving system according to claim 42 wherein the outer cutter has an arcuate longitudinal centre line and the undercutter is correspondingly arcuate.--
 - --44. A shaving system according to claim 42 comprising:

first and second shaving units, at least one of which includes an outer cutter according to claim 16and a corresponding undercutter; and

a drive element for imparting oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

--45 A shaving system according to claim 44 herein the first and second shaving units each includes an outer cutter according to claim 16 and a corresponding undercutter.--

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--46 A shaving system comprising:

the shaving cutter according to claim 17 wherein the shaving cutter functions as an outer cutter;

an undercutter conforming with the outer cutter and mounted for oscillatory movement beneath the outer cutter; and

a drive element for imparting said oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

- --47 A shaving system according to claim 46 wherein the outer cutter has an arcuate longitudinal centre line and the undercutter is correspondingly arcuate.--
 - --48. A shaving system according to claim 46 comprising:

first and second shaving units, at least one of which includes an outer cutter according to claim 17 and a corresponding undercutter; and

a drive element for imparting oscillatory movement to the undercutter.--

- --49. A shaving system according to claim 48 herein the first and second shaving units each includes an outer cutter according to claim 17 and a corresponding undercutter.--
- --50. A shaving cutter comprising a skin-engaging surface having a central shaving region and at least one convex elliptic end zone merging smoothly with the central shaving region.--